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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following text as a separate paragraph on page 1, line 5.

International application PCT/JP01/0326 has not been published in English under

a1 PCT Article 21(2).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 8, through page 9, line 13 as

follows:

a2 All of R<sub>1</sub> in the same ring structure may be the same or different, and each R<sub>1</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a straight chain or branched alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms (e.g., methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl,